

The Times' Daily Short Story.

DOUGLAS

(Original.)

The day I went to the country I found Marcella much depressed. I was told that Peter Douglas had gone the day before. She said nothing to me about Douglas, and I supposed she was not aware that I knew of his having been there. At any rate, she gave herself away by asking me to play accompaniments for her and insisted on singing.

Oh, won't you come back to me, Douglas, Douglas, tender and true?

I did not mind it at first, but when I found that she could never go to the piano without wanting to sing the Douglas song I tired of it. Finally, one misty evening when she appeared more than usually depressed after the invitation to Douglas to come back to her, she—well, she wept; wept with me, an able bodied, fairly attractive man present to entertain, amuse, interest her. I wished that Douglas would come back and remain long enough in the grounds for me to go out and punch his head.

I finally intimated that this Douglas business was growing tiresome, thinking she would mend her ways. What was my surprise when she sorrowed more for Douglas than ever. Besides, she seemed hurt, if not offended, that I should take so matter of fact a view of what she called "tender associations," and refused to allow me to play the accompaniment again, playing it herself and stumbling at every note.

Something must be done. Two weeks once a year are too short to be spoiled by such nonsense, and I resolved on a stroke. One evening, after she had wailed the usual plaint to Douglas, I went to the piano, and after a few melancholy chords sang:

O Mary, dear, departed shade,
Where is thy place of blissful rest?
See'st thou thy lover lower laid?
Hear'st thou the groans that rend his breast?

I arose from the piano and went and sat in a dark corner for awhile, then rejoined Marcella.

"Don't you think," I said, sighing, "that anniversaries are very sad?"

"Very," she replied, not sympathetically, I thought.

"Nothing more so," I sighed again.

"I supposed you to be a bachelor. It appears that you are a widower."

"How did you find that out?"

"By your singing Burns' beautiful lament to his wife so feelingly."

"Am I to consider you a widow because you are pining for Douglas?"

She got up and went into the house.

The next day was Saturday, and the usual overflow from the city was expected. Marcella looked troubled.

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"Douglas moved farther away?"

She bit her lip. I didn't know then why, but I found out before long. Without any reply she went into the house.

STEEL TRUST'S HEAD.

Why Charles M. Schwab Will Be Re-elected as President.

DEEMED AN EXPERT IN HIS LINE.

Holland Says His Vast Ability In Every Branch of Work Necessary Is Recognized by Stockholders of U. S. Steel Corporation—Carnegie's Tribute to His Knowledge.

In the little German-American principality of Hoboken, N. J., the greatest of any of the world's corporations held the other day one of the littlest of annual meetings, so far as numbers were concerned, says Holland, the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press. It was a stockholders' meeting of the United States Steel Corporation, and any stockholder had a right—and, in fact, every stockholder was asked—to be present and to vote upon the propositions, some of which involved the expenditure of \$36,000,000, and some of which needed the stockholders' approval for certain formalities precedent to the issuing of \$250,000,000 of bonds.

The attendance of stockholders seems to have been in inverse ratio to the magnitude of the propositions that were to be approved or rejected. And yet there were represented at this meeting about 4,000,000 shares of stock, a majority of the owners of which had delegated their right to vote to two or three men. They might have put all their proxies into one hat and committed the power of attorney over them so far as voting was concerned to Mr. Perkins or to some other stockholder, since the stockholders seem to have been of one mind, to have had a common understanding, and that one of approval for everything the directors recommended.

The directors will re-elect Charles M. Schwab as president of this corporation. Mr. Schwab will owe his re-election partly to the conviction that as a master workman in the industry of iron and steel production, an expert along all the lines of production from the mining of the ore to the marketing of the finished product, there is none other who is his superior, and it would be almost safe to say that no other who is in every respect his equal. He will also owe his re-election to the unwavering confidence Andrew Carnegie has in Mr. Schwab's ability to direct that corporation without error or at least with less error so far as manufacturing and marketing are concerned than any other would be able to do it.



A prominent club woman, Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains.

"Life looks dark indeed when a woman feels that her strength is slipping away and she has no hopes of ever being restored. Such was my feeling a few months ago when I was advised that my poor health was caused by prolapsus or falling of the womb. The words sounded like a knell to me. I felt that my sun had set; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound came to me as an angel of life; it restored the lost forces and built me up until my good health returned to me. For four months I took the medicine daily and each dose added health and strength. I am so thankful for the help I obtained through its use."—Mrs. FLORENCE DANFORTH, 1007 Miles Ave., St. Joseph, Mich.—\$3.00 bottle if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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GERMANY AT ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Her Exhibit Taking Form and Some Shipments Already Made. Berlin, Sept. 2.—Germany's exhibit at the St. Louis exposition is taking form. Some shipments have already been made, and it is possible to forecast the whole with tolerable accuracy. It will adequately represent Germany in all the lines where collective exhibits are made—that is, where examples of industry are grouped by the government commissioner. For instance, no manufacturers of porcelain are allowed to exhibit as individuals independent of the others, but they must submit to being grouped with others in the same class. The collective exhibits of porcelains, bronzes, textiles, foods, toys, leather work, interior decorations and twenty other specialties will be complete and will represent the best that Germany can do.

The government exhibits, such as transportation, education and art will be the finest ever sent out of the country. The only deficiency will be in individual exhibits, certain great, famous Krupp's, for instance—having decided not to participate. However, the Borsigs are sending their best work, while the Heuschels, locomotive builders, will send four engines in the government transportation exhibit, expecting chiefly to impress the Spanish-American visitors.

Secretary Shaw In Windy City. St. Louis, Sept. 2.—Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has arrived in St. Louis from Chicago for the purpose of personally inspecting the progress made in the erection of buildings at the world's fair, preparatory to beginning the disbursement of the \$5,000,000 appropriated by the federal government. It is expected that Secretary Shaw before leaving here will appoint a disbursing agent to handle the \$5,000,000 government fund.

Surrogate Fitzgerald Better. Quebec, Sept. 2.—Dr. Bull, the New York surgeon, has arrived here and has had a consultation with Surrogate Frank T. Fitzgerald, whose hip was broken in a street car accident here Sunday. Dr. Bull is satisfied with the condition of Surrogate Fitzgerald and says he will recover. The surrogate and his family are now at Jeffery Hall, and it may be a month before he can be started for New York city.

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IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products That Are in Demand.

Boston, Sept. 2.—Butter is fairly steady with a moderate demand for choice lots. Northern creamery, round lots, 21¢; western, 21¢; Vermont dairy, 18¢; renovated butter, 17¢; jobbing, 16¢ more.

Cheese is steady and unchanged, with a quiet demand. Round lots, new, 10¢; jobbing, 9¢ higher.

Eggs are in fair demand at firm prices. Western fresh, 17¢; Eastern, 16¢; jobbing, 16¢ higher.

Beans are quiet but steady. Carrot lots, new, \$2.25; medium, \$2.25; yellow eyes, \$2.00; red kidney, \$1.45; California small white, \$2.00; foreign pea and medium, \$2.25; jobbing, 10¢ more.

Apples are in liberal supply and prices are easy, though not much changed. Maine Astrachan, \$1.50; Duchess, \$2.25; sweet bough, \$2.25; Williams, \$2.50; per bbl. and 75¢; 1.25 per bu; maiden's blush, \$1.75; 2.25.

A few blueberries are still offering and bring 10¢.

Maryland peaches bring \$1.12 per bbl. and Hudson rivers sell at \$1.25; 1.50 per 4-bbl carrier.

Cantaloupes sell at 75¢; \$1.50, as to quality and condition.

Cherries are quoted at \$2.50; 2.75 per bu.

Grapes are in full supply. Moore's early are quoted at 80¢; \$1 per 8-bbl carrier; Delaware, \$1.12; Niagara, 75¢; \$1; Champion, 12¢ per bbl.

California plums are quoted at \$1.50; 2.50 per bu; peaches, \$1.25; 1.50; Bartlett pears, \$1.50; Tokay grapes, \$1.75; 2.25; Malaga grapes, \$1.75; 2.25.

Potatoes are easy in price, with the arrivals free. Arrostook hebrons and Green mountains, 45¢; Jersey hebrons and round white, 45¢; bbl stock, \$1.75; 2.25; yellow sweets, \$2.25.

Native celery is selling at \$1 per doz. bbls.

Onions are quoted at: Native, bu. 60¢; bunch onions, 50¢ per bu.

Hot-house tomatoes are lower, at 8¢; 12¢ per bu; southern, 75¢; \$1 per cwt; native, per bu, 8¢.

Cucumbers sell at 15¢ per bu, all sizes.

Yellow turnips are quoted at \$2.50 per bbl. and 75¢; \$1 per bu; white, 75¢ per bu; beets, 90¢ per bu; bunch beets, 14¢; carrots, \$1 per bu; bunch carrots, 20¢; bunch parsnips, 50¢ per doz; parsnips, \$1.50 per bu.

Marrow squashes are quoted at \$1.25 per bbl; crooknecks, 25¢ per doz; white, 25¢ per doz; Bay state, \$2.50.

Cabbages are selling at \$1.25; \$1.50 per cwt; \$8; 12 per 100; Savoy, \$1.50 per bbl; red, \$1 per bu.

Lettuce is quoted at 35¢; 50¢ per bu; radishes, 50¢; mint, 25¢ per doz; cross, 30¢ per doz; leeks, 40¢ per doz.

String beans sell at 75¢ for green and 75¢ for wax. Green peas bring \$1.25; 1.50 per bu for native.

Spinach is noted at 25¢ per bu for native; hot-house, 15¢ per bu; peppers, 50¢; 75¢ per pkg.

Green corn is in good supply and is lower at 75¢; \$1 per bu.

Shell beans sell at \$1.50; 2.25 per bu; lima beans, \$2.25 per bu; eggplant, \$1.75; 1.50 per pkg; cauliflower, Montreal, \$2.25; 50¢ per doz.

There is a very strong market for pork provisions, owing to the higher cost of hogs in the west. There has been an advance of 30¢ per 100 lbs in the past two days. The quotations are revised, with land higher.

Fresh beef is quiet, but prices are fairly steady. The arrivals of fresh beef for the week have been very much heavier for export, the supply for Boston having fallen off.

Lambs are in small supply, and are quoted steady; muttons and veals are quiet with a fair supply. Western fall lambs, 70¢; spring lambs, 10¢; 12¢; yearlings, 80¢; muttons, 70¢; veals, 90¢.

Poultry is steady with a fair demand. Western turkeys, frozen, 18¢; 19¢; local, 14¢; 15¢; western fowls, local, 12¢; 13¢; fresh northern fowls, 13¢; 15¢; broilers, 14¢; 16¢; western broilers, 13¢; 15¢; spring ducks, 10¢; 11¢.

There is a good demand for choice hay, with the supply light. New hay is coming forward quite freely, and is generally of satisfactory quality; straw is steady for use, with out slow. Mill-feed is steady and unchanged. Hay, No. 1, \$2.00; 21; lower grades, \$1.40; 1.10; straw, \$1.80; 20; oat straw, \$1.00; 1.10.

The extraordinary selling indisposition of wheat producers even at around 80 to 100 and 120 higher prices than a year ago, coupled with good premiums for cash wheat and the depleted old crop spring wheat reserves are significantly illustrated in 20,000,000 bush reduction in primary wheat receipts past eight weeks, viz: June 30 to Aug. 24, the total being 25,410,000 bush against 45,375,000 bush.

It has been frequently noted this year, Bradstreet's says, the farmers have been very independent and have shown an indisposition to part with their wheat at any price below 90¢ at Chicago. Farmers' necessities are less than in former years, and they seem to have a pretty clear idea of what their wheat is worth.

Another point of bullish import not yet given much, if any, weight in the discussion is the possibility of interruption to shipments from the Black sea and neighboring ports in case present complications should bring about a collision between some of the larger powers. It is safe to say that the wheat situation will bear close watching until the outlook in this respect clears up measurably.

Postmaster For Pomfret, Vt. Washington, Sept. 2.—William A. Perkins has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Pomfret, Vt.

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Amulets Traded by Autoists. British automobile drivers have adopted one of the oldest superstitions of folklore in connection with their very modern craft, says a London cable dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean. The automobilists insure good luck by suspending from their ears a perforated stone, which is supposed to act as a protective amulet. For the stone to be an effective protection it is essential that the perforation should be formed naturally and not bored artificially, and the stone must be found without being looked for.

The Hercules Beetles. The Hercules beetle, found in the West Indies, rivals a sparrow in size and might turn the scale against one in weight.

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